WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic reading device, comprising:

a reading sensor for detecting a portion of an address pattern on a formatted surface;

a processor for identifying the detected portion of the address pattern as being within an electronic reading device configuration area and for converting position data received from the reading sensor into a configuration setting.

2. The electronic reading device of claim 1, wherein the electronic reading device configuration area comprises an electronic reading device configuration form.

3. The electronic reading device of claim 1, further comprising a memory for storing the configuration setting.

4. The electronic reading device of claim 1, wherein the processor converts the position data into the configuration setting using a configuration application.

5. The electronic reading device of claim 1, wherein the position data corresponds to handwritten information written with the electronic reading device, the conversion of the position data into the configuration setting performed using handwriting recognition.

6. The electronic reading device of claim 5, wherein the handwritten information is entered in a field of the electronic reading device configuration area that corresponds to the configuration setting.

7. The electronic reading device of claim 1, wherein the position data is associated with at least one of a plurality of fields, the processor operating to convert a detection of a portion of the address pattern within the at least one of the fields into a configuration setting corresponding to the at least one field.

8. The electronic reading device of claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of fields corresponds to a different alphanumeric character.

9. The electronic reading device of claim 1, wherein the configuration setting comprises an identification code.

10. The electronic reading device of claim 1, wherein the configuration setting represents an address of a server used for authenticating configuration of the electronic reading device.

11. The electronic reading device of claim 1, further comprising a transmitter for transmitting the configuration setting to a support server.

12. The electronic reading device of claim 1, wherein the transmitter transmits information via one of a cable and a local wireless link.

13. A system for initializing an electronic reading device, comprising:

a formatted surface having an address pattern, wherein a position relative to the address pattern can be determined from an examination of a portion of the address pattern;

an electronic reading device including a reading sensor for detecting portions of the address pattern; and

a processor for translating detected portions of the address pattern into at least one alphanumeric character.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the detected portions of the address pattern correspond to at least one handwritten character written with the electronic reading device on the formatted surface, the processor translating the detected portions of the address pattern into the at least one alphanumeric character.

15. The system of claim 13, further comprising a server for storing the at least one alphanumeric character.

16. The system of claim 13, further comprising a server for comparing the at least one alphanumeric character with a stored identification code.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein the server enables a use of the electronic reading device when the at least one alphanumeric character matches the stored identification code.

18. The system of claim 16, wherein the electronic reading device communicates with the server via a local wireless link interface.

19. The system of claim 16, wherein the electronic reading device communicates with the server using one of an infrared signal, inductive coupling, and a cable connection.

20. A method for configuring an electronic reading device, comprising the steps of:

detecting at least one position of the electronic reading device relative to an address pattern on a formatted surface;

determining that the at least one detected position relates to an entry of configuration data;

converting the at least one detected position into a configuration setting; and

storing the configuration setting.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the step of determining that the at least one detected position relates to an entry of configuration data comprises identifying a portion of the address pattern adjacent to the electronic reading device as corresponding to a configuration entry form.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein the step of converting comprises performing handwriting recognition.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein the configuration setting comprises a user identifier, further comprising the steps of:

detecting a data entry subsequent to the step of storing, said data entry made with the electronic reading device on a surface having an address pattern;

comparing the data entry with the stored user identifier; and

enabling the electronic reading device if the data entry corresponds to the stored user identifier.

24. A system for unlocking an electronic reading device, comprising:

a formatted surface having an address pattern, wherein a position relative to the address pattern can be determined from an examination of a portion of the address pattern;

an electronic reading device including a reading sensor for detecting portions of the address pattern; and

a first processor for translating detected portions of the address pattern into a data entry; and

a second processor for comparing the data entry to a stored user identifier and for enabling the electronic reading device if the data entry corresponds to the stored user identifier.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein the first processor and the second processor are the same processor.

26. The system of claim 24, wherein the first processor performs said translation using character recognition.

27. The system of claim 24, wherein the data entry and the stored user identifier represent a handwritten signature.

28. The system of claim 24, wherein the data entry and the stored user identifier represent a personal identification number.

29. A method for unlocking an electronic reading device, comprising the steps of:

detecting a plurality of positions of an electronic reading device relative to an address pattern on a formatted surface;

converting the plurality of detected positions into a data entry;

comparing the data entry with a stored user identifier; and

enabling the electronic reading device based on the comparison if the data entry corresponds to the stored user identifier.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the step of converting comprises performing handwriting recognition.

31. The method of claim 29, wherein the data entry and the stored user identifier represent a handwritten signature.

32. The method of claim 29, wherein the data entry and the stored user identifier represent a personal identification number.